

## Official Proceedings

July 13, 2020  
8:00 am

Chairman Kuntz called the special meeting of the Stark County Board of Commissioners to order. All members present. Also present were Kay Haag and Jim Hope. The meeting was open to the public and access granted through a conference call.

### **Portfolio Assignment – Emergency Management**

Assistant State's Attorney Jim Hope notified the Board this meeting was a follow up from the previous meeting to address issues regarding conflicts pertaining to the complaint filed, so no new issues arise.

**MOTION BY:** Commissioner Elkin                      **SECOND BY:**

To removed Commissioner Arthaud and assign the Emergency Management Portfolio to Commissioner Kuntz until the new commission is elected in November.

**DISPOSITION:** Motion failed for lack of second.

Commissioner Arthaud questioned why we are here if the commissioner has already been told to have no contact. Mr. Hope stated for the smooth management of that portfolio and to avoid any appearance of any possible conflict that could lead to reprisals, and to protect the government entity. Commissioner Arthaud replied that the government entity is in jeopardy, because of the conflict through the HR, more than it is the portfolio holder. I got the letter in the mail, where everyone else had it hand delivered. The letter said no contact. Commissioner Arthaud feels discriminated against as a new commissioner and woman. The fact the HR handled this the way they did, I definitely do not want to step down as portfolio holder, but I definitely would go to Commissioner Kuntz with anything or any concerns that I may have until the 75 days of the investigation is done, and would follow the law. Commissioner Arthaud feels this meeting is offensive.

**MOTION BY:** Commissioner Arthaud                      **SECOND BY:**

To stay on the Emergency Management Portfolio and have no contact with any department head in that portfolio and if I have any questions, I will take them to Commissioner Kuntz, and he can go to the portfolio.

**DISPOSITION:** Motion failed for lack of second.

Mr. Hope advised the Board to not do nothing and suggested crafting any type of compromise to address this situation to avoid any appearance of impropriety or any appearance to the public where the situation will continue pending the investigation.

**MOTION BY:** Commissioner Zander                      **SECOND BY:** Commissioner Franchuk

To have Commissioner Kuntz take the Emergency Management Portfolio temporarily until the HR issues are resolved.

**DISPOSITION:** Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

**MOTION BY:** Commissioner Elkin  
To adjourn the meeting.  
**DISPOSITION:** Motion carried

**SECOND BY:** Commissioner Zander

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Kay Haag, Auditor

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Pete Kuntz, Chairman